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In the Summers Circuit Court judgement was awarded against E. Conner, of Lewisburg, for cost and interest in favor of McCreery. A check for \$224. issued by Conner to R. C. F. fake agent for the Garford in December, 1918. The Hinton cashed the check, but meantime Conner finding he been "stung" stopped payment the check at Lewisburg and check was returned and amount charged to Hotel Mc at the Bank of Summers. The management brought suit

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H. Davis, son of the late H. Davis, died Sunday, at his home at Caldwell, aged 75 years, leaving his mother, Mrs. Cecil, and a sister, Mrs. Beverly. His body was buried in the Hunter burying ground at North Caldwell.

Ida Hamm died on Friday Jan. 14th, of Bright's disorder at home on Kirby's mountain in the Clayton neighborhood, 75 years. Her husband died 15 days ago. Deceased was the mother of 15 children, seven of whom survive her.

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## WOMEN IN WEST VIRGINIA NOT ELIGIBLE.

Women are not eligible to serve as jurors in West Virginia under existing laws, Attorney General E. T. England stated February 2d when his attention was called to a report that the Circuit Court at Williamson which is trying the Matewan battle cases, was considering the possibility of summoning women and negroes for jury duty.

On the other hand, there is nothing on the statute books of the State to prevent the summoning of negroes for jury service, the attorney general said.

Leading Charleston attorneys agree with the attorney general that women are not eligible for jury service according to their opinions as expressed.

## RUTH HAS HER LEGS STRAIGHTENED.

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### MONEY HID AWAY.

How much money is hid away in Greenbrier? This interesting question cannot be answered, as the people who own it can't be persuaded to tell. John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, says that in the United States \$2,844,000,000 is hidden away in stockings, safe deposit boxes and other favorite spots of owners who believe their money is safer there than in the hands of the banks. Every once in a while a clever thief locates some of his hidden money, and occasionally some money is lost by fire.—*News.*

Think of all the good money in Greenbrier and take no chance.

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**DEATHS.**

W. Martin was born May 8, and died February 12, 1916, at 2 p. m., lacking but a little over 3 months of reaching his birthday. For about 13 years he made his home near Melrose, Florida. From his birth to removal to Florida he lived on Sewell Mountain, near Greenbrier county. He was the son of P. W. Martin. Only brother, L. R. Martin, of Alderson, lives him out of a family of children. He first married E. Tinscher. Nine children resulted from this union of whom survive the father. Three are Bert, John, and Stewart, in Colorado. One daughter, Lenick Osbourne, is living here, and the other daughter, Lillian Ashton, is living in another son, George Cleveland in Indiana. P. L. Marston, second son, makes his home in the boyhood home of his father, Farmdale. Mr. Martin's wife was Mary A. Roads, who lives here. A son born to him when he was but nine years old. At the age of 19 years he was united with the Methodist church and remained in that church all his life. In 1916 he had three children in Greenbrier county, L. R. Martin, in 1914 was during that visit he was knocked from his horse while he was crossing the track at Alderson. The horse was killed, and though the man was thrown out from the train and survived, he never recovered from that accident and died in the faith, and he will join his loved ones in the beyond.

**WE KNOW DEATH.**

In all tests, Charles McMahon was brought back to life in the Memorial Hospital in another day. McMahon operated on for double pneumonia while under the influ-

**CONTRACTOR KILLED AT CASS.**

James Persi, one of our most valued Italian citizens, came to his death at Cass Thursday, Feb. 10 by a pistol shot from the hands of Nuzzareno Cincilla, an Italian laborer, says the *Times*. Persi, who was a contractor, walked from his home on Deer Creek to Cass to visit Marco Archangelo, a countryman. It was while there, Cincilla, whose nickname is "Jumbo," so called because of his great size, entered the house and made a demand on Persi of some kind, the exact nature of which is not known, but it is believed to be something that Persi resisted, for the men got into a struggle at once, and Persi, who was a very strong man himself, forced the intruder to the door of the house. Jumbo drew a knife but that was taken away from him, and he quickly drew a revolver and shot Persi through the stomach from which wound Persi died the next day at the Marlinton hospital. After leaving the house Jumbo shot at three Italians walking by the house, getting Sozio Rea through the leg. Jumbo then ran to the river and threw his pistol in the water.

The following morning Jumbo ate his breakfast at a place on the North Fork of Anthony's Creek, 35 miles as the crow flies, and then continued his flight, but the fate of a killer was on him, walking in the forest without a guide, he moved in a circle, and by night he was back at Cass, from whence he had started. It is quite possible that he walked over a hundred miles in 24 hours. Anyway he was scratched and bruised and his feet are so swollen that he can not stand on them. He was captured without difficulty.

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**EDISON.**

Thomas A. Edison, 74 years old on the 11th, assisted in the celebration of the anniversary by the Edison Pioneers, an organization composed of the inventor's associates of fifty years ago.

The pioneers, with their wives and children gathered early at Cleremont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, and held a business meeting. Mrs. Edison entertained the women and children, while Mr. Edison talked with his "pals" of old times.

The dinner guests, however, had to await Mr. Edison's own hunger pangs, for he went to his laboratory as usual at 8 o'clock that morning. Whether he would return to watch the fascinating dartings of his experiments, ampers and other electrical "ingredients," he said, depended upon whether his wife would "let him."

During the morning he did take time to interview a group of newspaper men and answer a number of questions. To the question, "Should a man retire at 70?" he replied: "He would die in three years."

"When are you going to retire?" he was asked.

"Well, I don't want to retire. When the doctor brings in the oxygen cylinder I'll know it's time for me to give up."

Asked for his opinion on Henry Ford's announced intention of producing milk synthetically, i. e. by combining the constituents elements of milk. Mr. Edison said it was "entirely possible; and if such milk is made, it will be much purer. There are going to be great advances in chemistry within the next few years."

Concerning business conditions he said: "We are now running through a cycle and it will have to go to its course. I don't know how long it will last, but absolutely nothing is the matter. It is all in a state of mind."

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Last Friday night, a woods camp containing about thirty Slav laborers was sound asleep. The camp is located on the North Fork of Cranberry River within the county of Pocahontas. It is a part of the woods work of the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company, with headquarters at Richwood. The camp was a long building with all the men sleeping in bunks in one room. For the purpose of a hold up it might be termed to be well adapted to that kind of an attack, even as a Pullman car.

Out of the night three men came upon that camp and entered. The sleeping men were aroused to find a man with a pistol at each end of the camp, with an extra man to relieve them of their savings. The program moved along without a hitch until the robber reached the bunk of a Russian who had something over two thousand dollars on him, and he revolted.

Then one of the guards came forward swiftly and shot six holes into the protester, and after that no further resistance was made. The Russian died instantly.

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The stranger struck the railroad near Seebert and hit the ties for the outside world. He walked eighteen miles. In the meantime, Mr. Burns had taken a ride on a railroad motorcycle and had run to Renick and got off there and sent the car back, and started to walk back towards Pocahontas County, thoroughly convinced that he would meet the man coming. Near Renick, he met him and took him by holding a revolver on him.

When he was searched the sum of \$2,280.00 in currency was found on him in a loose roll. He was brought to Marlinton Monday, and has been held for the Cranberry affair. He claims to have won the money playing poker at Elkins the night of the robbery.

He gave his name as James Antphor and claims that he registered as an alien in the draft from Durbin in 1917.—*Pocahontas Times*

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## SID HATFIELD SHOT AND KILLED.

With the roar of "six guns" echoing in their ears and with powder smoke eddying around their heads, Sid Hatfield, former police chief of Matewan, and Ed Chambers, a store keeper of the same place, died on the Court House steps at Welch, McDowell county, at 10:35 o'clock Monday the 1st inst, as they were entering the building for the trial of Hatfield, charged with the shooting up of Mohawk, McDowell county, about a year ago.

Five men were held in connection with the shooting, but Prosecuting Attorney G. L. Counts, of McDowell county, stated that afternoon that he expected the investigation of the shooting, which has been started, would narrow the list to C. E. Lively and Buster Pence.

Hatfield and 19 others had been indicted in the criminal court of McDowell county charged with shooting up the town of Mohawk about a year ago and the trial had been set for that morning and Hatfield and Chambers were there to attend the trial.

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### KENYON RESUMES.

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## WOMAN GUNNER.

Robbed of a husband's love after 22 years of married bliss; futile in her efforts to effect a reconciliation offering to give him up forever if he would promise to care for their four young children, ranging in age from three to 15 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans brought to an abrupt end an "eternal triangle" of six months duration by shooting to death the "other woman," Miss Dovie Edds, school teacher at Cinco on Campbell's Creek, at her room-house in that place Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

Heavily veiled in black, Mrs. Evans left Charleston for the Campbell's Creek mining town. Leaving her train at Cinco, she proceeded to the home of J. J. Fraser, superintendent of the coal works at Cinco, with whom Miss Edds had been boarding and admitted herself to the school teacher's room. Neighbors heard a heated denunciation, apparently uttered in tears. Shots followed and when Fraser and his wife rushed into the room, the Edds woman was stretched on the floor in death, while Mrs. Evans stood viewing the body with a slight ex-

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Until six months ago, Edward Evans, said by authorities to have been a more or less prominent mine superintendent, although he has not been actively engaged since the slump in the coal industry, has been happily married. Four children born to the couple, had brightened the household. Then—

Six months ago, Miss Dovie Edds met Edward Evans. The acquaintance ripened into friendship, then to mutual admiration, then to the parting of ways between Evans and his wife.

He left her, his children and his work last May, and has been since living, according to Mrs. Evans and county officers, with Dovie Edds at frequent intervals. At first Mrs. Evans tried persuasion, she said; then she begged—not for herself as much as for her children, the oldest yet under 14 years. Meeting with no success, she employed Rufus Clendenin, of the Clendenin detective agency of Charleston, to aid her in search for facts that would warrant legal steps. Armed with specific information, she took action

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### OLD AGE.

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### SOMETHING KILLS FISH

During the fire last Wednesday evening some acid or something escaped into Greenbrier river and killed a great number of fish. On Friday morning one of the town's best fishermen went down the river and came back with a string of nine pike. He had a lot of fun telling how he landed them, especially the big one, which weighed nine pounds, but soon he cut the fun and told the story of how he found the fish lying along the banks in great numbers, dead. It is not known whether it was something from the tannery, the excessive heat of the fire, or what it was that killed the fish—but they are dead, and now there is no use for any fisherman to go down the river with the expectation of making a big catch.—*Marlington Journal*.

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Mack B. Lilly, chief of the federal prohibi-